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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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DAVID M. COONRAD, D.C.	:	
	:	CONSENT ORDER
TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter was opened before the New Jersey State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (hereinafter "the Board"), upon the Board's receipt of investigative materials and consumer complaints indicating that David M. Coonrad, D.C. (hereinafter "Respondent" or "Dr. Coonrad") may have been involved in procedures outside of the scope of chiropractic practice. Respondent appeared with counsel, Anthony LaBue, Esq., before the Preliminary Investigation Committee of the Board (hereinafter "the Committee") on August 1, 1991. At that time, Respondent brought the records of approximately 12 patients before the Committee at the request of the Board.

Respondent testified before the Committee regarding his use of Meningeal adjustments of the coccyx through the rectum and indicated that they were part of the method of the school of "stressology" from which he models his practice. Respondent testified that he had not used this particular technique for approximately the past two years during the pendency of various investigations. He indicated that he is awaiting the recommendation of the Board concerning whether such technique is appropriate. Respondent provided the Committee with many charts

and supporting documents regarding the progress of degenerative spinal conditions using the stressology model.

The Committee reviewed several patients files with Respondent. Several of these files contained x-rays, reports and charts purporting to show degrees of dysfunction of the patients' spines. Respondent testified that by reviewing the patterns of dysfunction of the spine, he could tell whether an individual suffered from particularized stress in his or her life. Respondent asserted that by reading x-rays, he could tell whether a persons' stress stemmed from a marital problem, work related problem or some severe addiction. While Respondent did not allege that by adjustment he could cure these problems, he indicated that he can arrive at a diagnosis, and seek to get the patient to acknowledge the stresses, thus causing some stresses to disappear.

Additionally, in several of the files that were reviewed, it was apparent that at various times, in the past, Respondent had dispensed vitamins and other supplements to his patients. Respondent indicated that he no longer does this.

Upon review of all of the materials presented, the Board finds that the procedure of adjustment of the coccyx through the rectum is not a legitimate technique. The Board further finds that Respondent's apparent belief that by examining x-rays, a chiropractor can specifically identify areas of stress in an individuals' life, can, at best, be characterized as the use of an investigation technique as an established technique.

The Board finds that patients have been misled by any diagnosis or prognosis based upon this technique and, in all likelihood, would continue to be misled in the future. The Board finds that this is an improper use of radiographs. The Board also finds that in many instances, Respondent has exposed his patients to excessive radiation by the excessive and unnecessary use of full body x-rays. Further, the Board finds that at various times in the past, Respondent has dispensed and recommended vitamins and other supplements for a specific health problem, which actions go beyond the scope of practice of chiropractic.

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of formal proceedings, and it appearing that Respondent, David M. Coonrad, D.C. acknowledges the findings of the Board previously set forth as constituting grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), (d), and (e), and it further appearing that Respondent has read the terms of this Order and understands their meaning, consents to be bound by same, and it further appearing that the Board finds that the within Order is adequately protective of the public interest, it further appearing that good cause exists for the entry of the within Order:

IT IS ON THIS 18th DAY OF April, 1994,
ORDERED:

1. Respondent be and hereby is reprimanded for engaging, as a chiropractor, in the practice of "stressology", including but not limited to the rendering of Meningeal

adjustment of the coccyx through the rectum, identifying stress from an individual's x-rays, and taking four full spine x-rays of an individual for stressology analysis.

2. Respondent be and hereby is informed that dispensing vitamins is outside the scope of chiropractic, and that recommending vitamins and other supplements for specific health problems is outside the scope of chiropractic practice.

3. Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the practice of stressology including but not limited to use of Meningeal adjustments of the coccyx through the rectum, and purporting to identify stress and the reason for stress from x-rays.

4. Respondent shall cease and desist from exposing his patients to potentially excessive radiation by the excessive and unnecessary use of full body x-rays.

5. Respondent shall cease and desist from dispensing vitamins and from recommending vitamins and other supplements for a specific health problem.

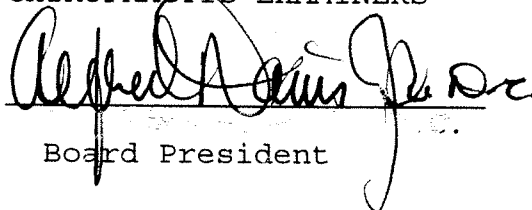
6. Respondent shall, within six months of the date of this Order, enroll in and satisfactorily complete a one semester course in patient radiation safety and a one semester course in spinal anatomy. These courses shall be subject to the approval of the Board and the Respondent shall receive Board approval of the courses to be attended prior to their being attended by Respondent. Responded shall cause to be submitted to the Board

such proofs of successful completion thereof as the Board may direct.


7. Respondent shall within 30 days of the date of this Order, pay costs to the Board in the amount of three thousand two hundred eighty four and 03/100 (\$3,284.03) dollars.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

By:


Board President

I have read the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to its entry by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.


David M. Coonrad, D.C.

This Order is consented to as to from and entry.

Anthony LaBue, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent